### ePlanning: Improving Consistency & Addressing the Long Term Strategy

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### Keeping Pace with Change

Identifying Challenges
Defining Needs
Creating Solutions

### Challenges

Increased Information
Increased Transparency
Increased Engagement

### CHALLENGE: MANAGING INFORMATION IN THE INFORMATION ERA

Democracy depends on a knowledgeable citizenry whose access to a range of information enables them to participate more fully in public life, help determine priorities for public spending, receive equal access to justice, and to hold their public officials accountable.

The Carter Center



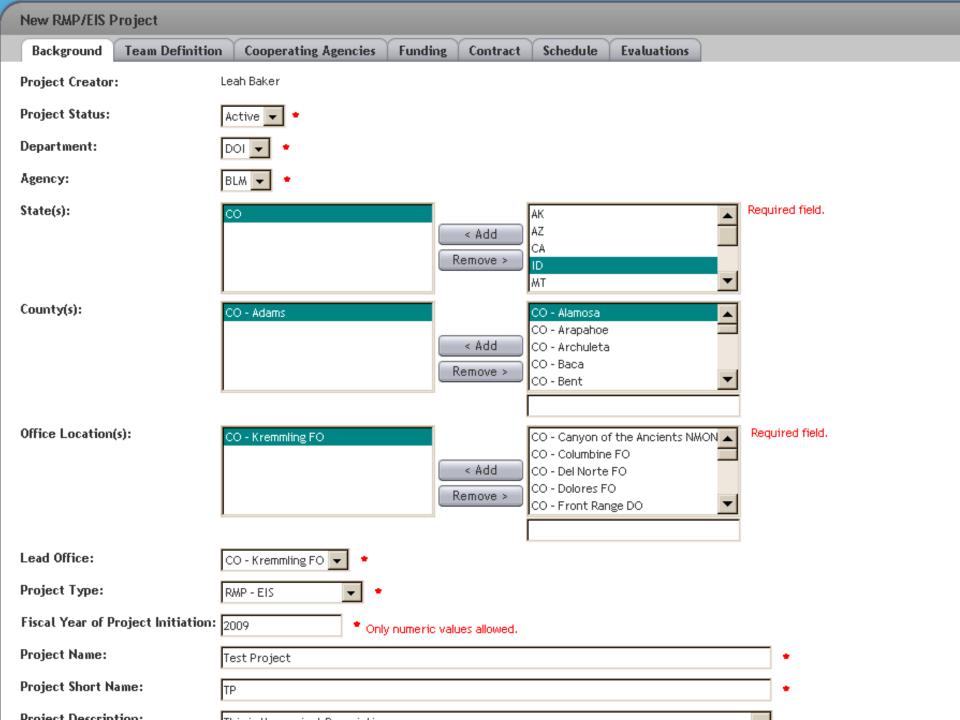
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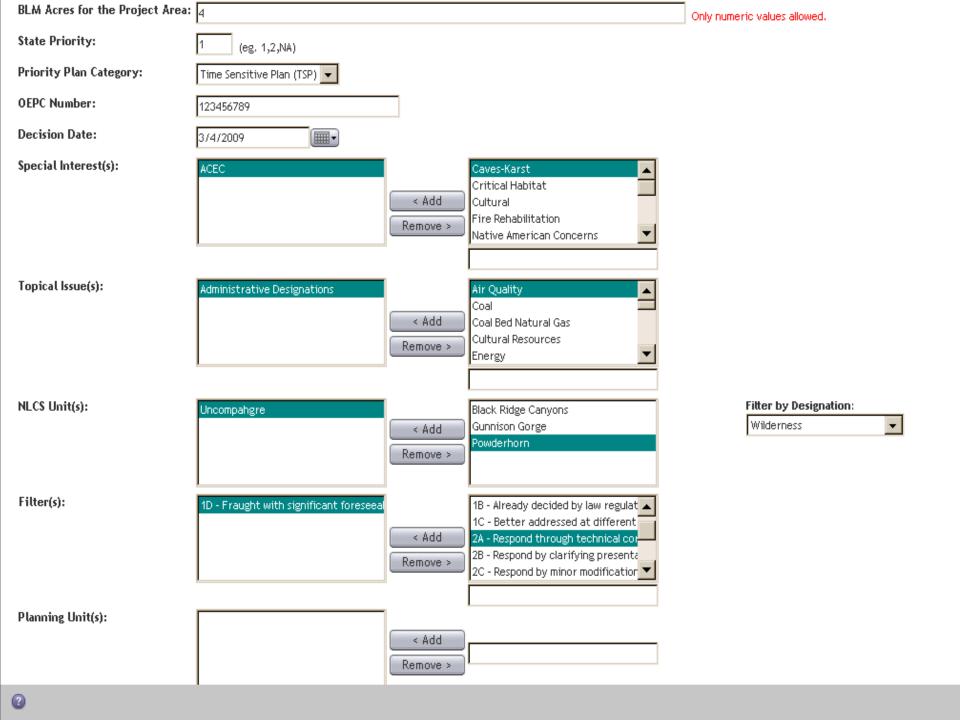
- Smarter Information why reinvent the wheel?
- Better organization of our information

# Managing Information in the Information Era Solution 1

- What if our data were:
  - Smarter?
  - Searchable?
  - Reportable?

Could data call volume be reduced?



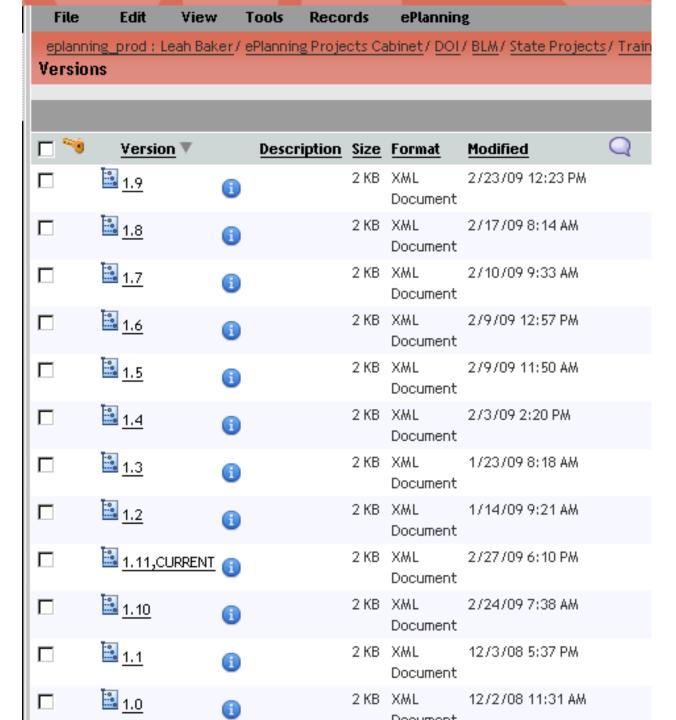


# Managing Information in the Information Era Solution 2

- What if you always knew which document version is the most recent?
- What if you could automatically assemble large documents with multiple authors?
- Could we avoid a few headaches?

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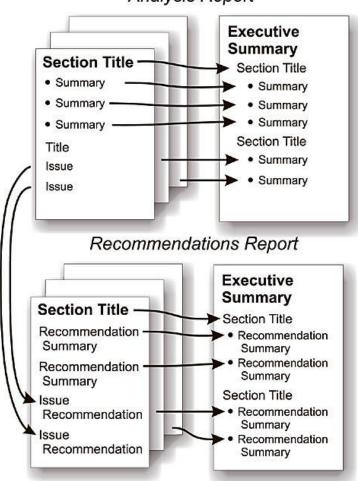
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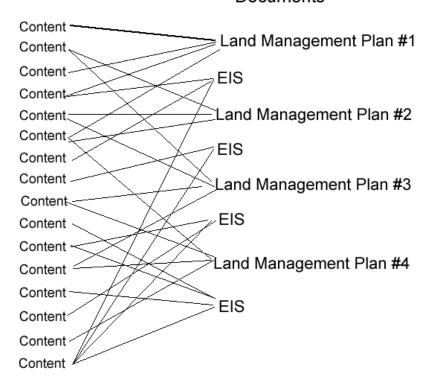
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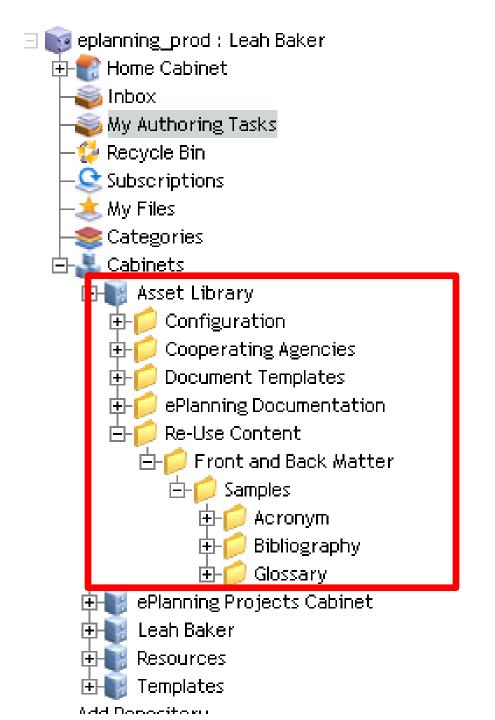
- What if Copy/Paste Were Smarter?
  - Content Reuse
- What if there were a central place for all Planners and NEPA staff to locate good content?
  - Asset Library
- Could we save time?

#### Analysis Report



#### **Documents**





### **Asset Library**

#### Templates

Preparation Plan, Scoping Report, AMS, Alternatives, DRMP/DEIS, PRMP/FEIS, Federal Register Notices, ROD/ARMP, Implementation Plan, Monitoring Plan, Evaluation Report, Public Participation Plan, Public Newsletter, EA, CXs, FONSI, DNA

#### Forms

State Office Quality Review Form, etc.

#### Reusable Items

Acronyms, Glossary, Sample SOW, MOUs

### Samples

LUP Objectives & Goals by Issue, Purpose & Need Statements, Alternatives Models, Oil & Gas Stipulations, Standard Protest Responses.

# Managing Information in the Information Era Solution 4

What if we could organize and process public comments better?

Would our analysis be faster and easier?



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### CHALLENGE: TRANSPARENCY IN OPEN GOVERNMENT

Transparency promotes accountability and provides information for citizens about what their government is doing. Information maintained by the federal government is a national asset. My administration will take appropriate action, consistent with law and policy, to disclose information rapidly in forms that the public can readily find and use. Executive departments and agencies should harness new technologies to put information about their operations and decisions online and readily available to the public.

President Obama's Memorandum for the Heads of Executive Department and Agencies



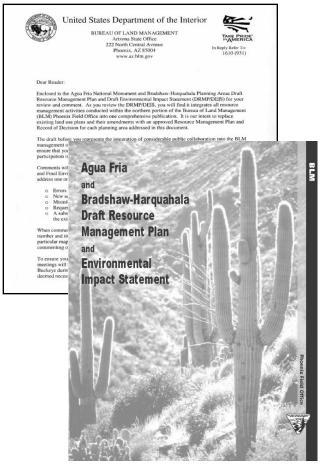
# Transparency & Open Government Need

- Accessibility of all NEPA and Planning documents in various media
- Consistency of information across all media
- Consistent and complete administrative records

# Transparency & Open Government Solution 1

What if we could easily produce documents in multiple media without reformatting?

Could we better meet the objectives of the administration?



- Publish to various media –
   web, PDF, paper, CD
- Automatic compliance with BLM publishing standards

# Transparency & Open Government Solution 2

What if there were a central registry for all BLM Planning & NEPA documents?

- □ Could FOIA requests be reduced?
- Could we better meet the objectives of the administration?

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DOI-BLM-WY-070-2007-0131-EA	EA	Windsor Energy/Horse Creek North with 10 APD's	WY-070 Buffalo Field Office	CBNG	Completed	Open	04/22/2007
DOI-BLM-WY-070-2007-0130-EA	EA	Yates - gas & wtr ppins for Fee lease	WY-070 Buffalo Field Office	Lands	Deferred		03/12/2007
DOI-BLM-WY-070-2007-0129-EA	EA	Black Diamone - access to fee	WY-070 Buffalo Field Office	Lands	Rejected		01/30/2007

ES and EA documents associated with Land Use Plans are available from the web site pages for those Land Use Plans. Please see the Land Use Planning Register to find and navigate to the appropriate Land Use Plan. (click here).

### CHALLENGE: PARTICIPATORY & COLLABORATIVE GOVERNMENT

Executive departments and agencies should also solicit public feedback to identify information of greatest use to the public ...
Public engagement enhances the Government's effectiveness and improves the quality of its decisions ... Collaboration actively engages Americans in the work of their Government. Executive departments and agencies should use innovative tools, methods, and systems to cooperate among themselves, across all levels of Government, and with nonprofit organizations, businesses, and individuals in the private sector.

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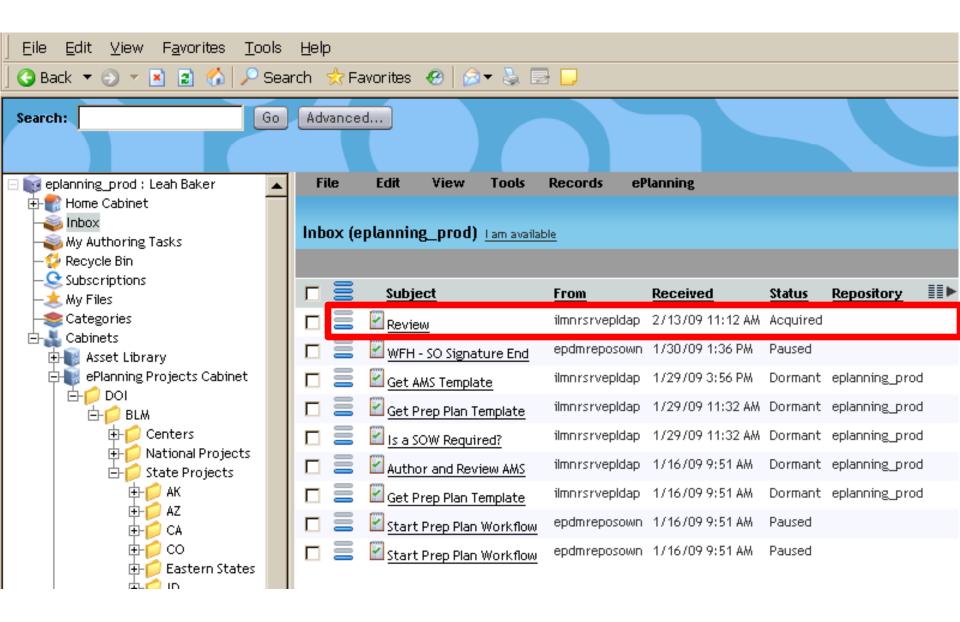
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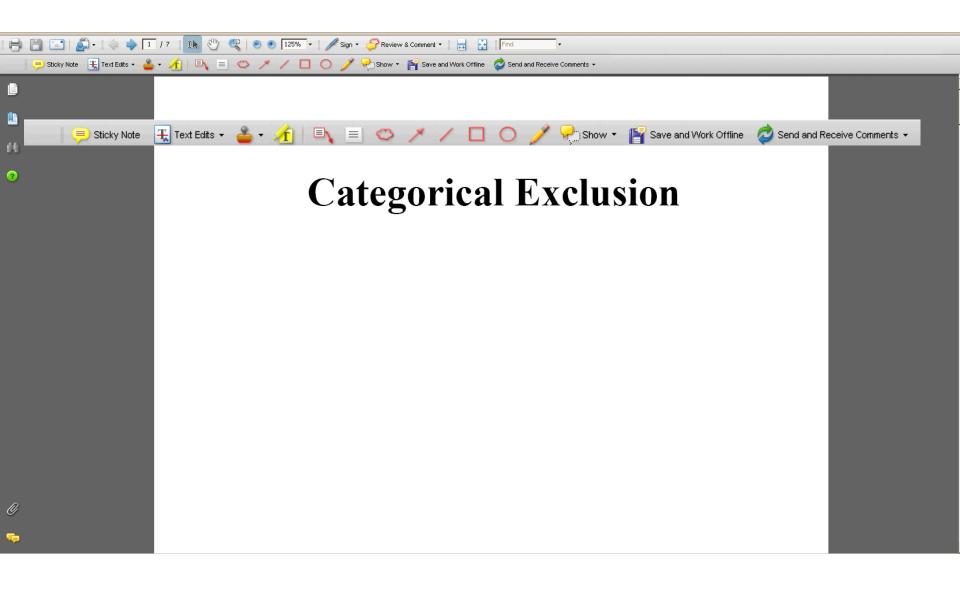
 Means of engaging stakeholders, other government agencies, and BLM program areas both vertically and laterally

## Participatory and Collaborative Government Solution 1

What if reviewing were easier and if we could track a document's review lifecycle automatically?

Could we better meet the objectives of a participatory and collaborative government?

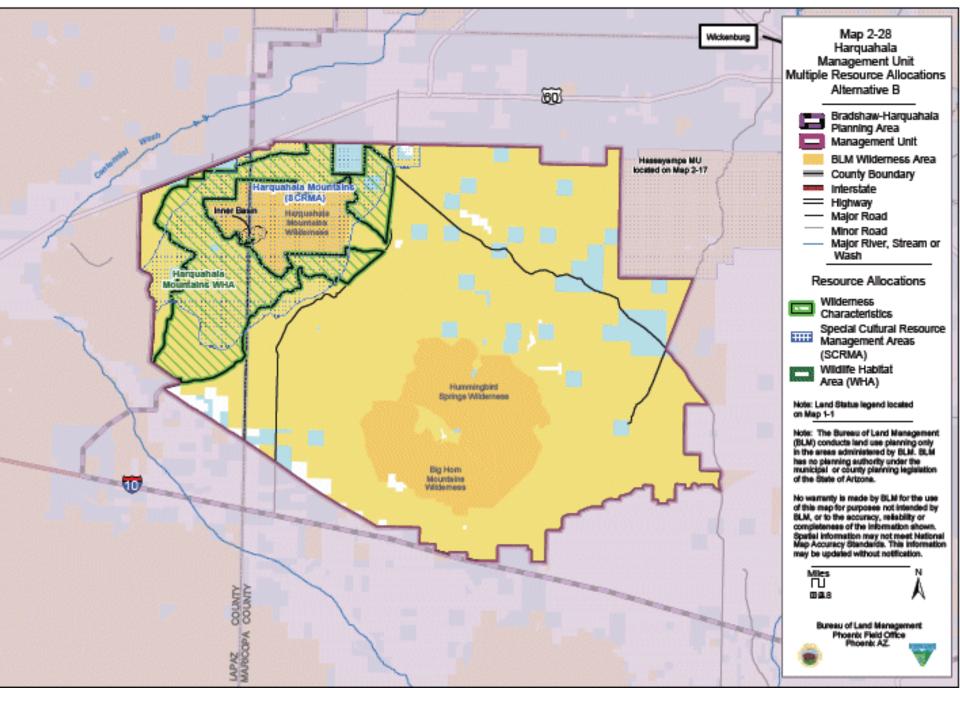




## Participatory and Collaborative Government Solution 2

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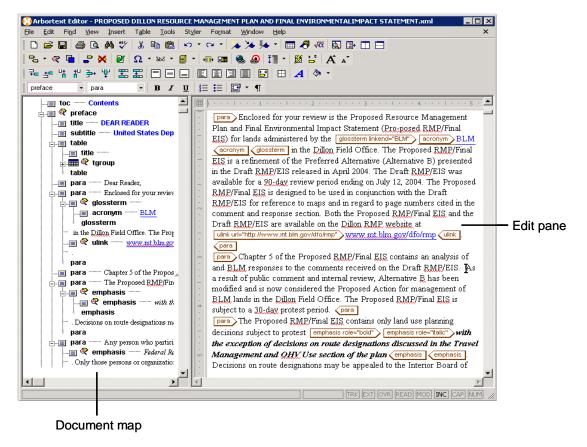
Could we increase useful collaboration?



## Participatory and Collaborative Government Solution 3

What if our NEPA documents had a common look and feel and were automatically consistent with the latest policy changes?

Could we spend more time on NEPA analysis?



- LUP & NEPA web pages have a common look and feel
- Boilerplatelanguage alreadyincluded
- Easy export of project metadata into your document

### WHAT IF WE COULD START NOW?



### QUESTIONS & DISCUSSION

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